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Meet Gillain Berry, Miss Aruba 2010



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On Saturday, December 4, a new queen for a year was crowned, who will represent Aruba at the Miss Universe Pageant 2011. Gillain Berry is a familiar face for islanders, as her exquisite countenance has graced quite a few magazine spreads and television commercials on Aruba.

Aruba's newly crowned queen and founders of Star Promotions, which conduct the Miss Aruba Pageant, met with press to give a little background for the public about our candidate for Miss Universe 2011.

Gillain (pronounced jill-LANE) was born in Jamaica, but has lived on Aruba since she was six years old. She is as comfortable with Papiamentu as the English spoken in her home. She graduated from Aruba's EPI Middle School with an Associates Degree in Hospitality Management and plans to study for her Bachelors Degree at the University of Aruba when her tenure as Miss Aruba is finished.

"I am very proud and grateful to have been selected to represent Aruba at this prestigious world event," Miss Berry told media. "I am highly motivated and will work very hard over the next nine months towards becoming a real presence at the Miss Universe Pageant; I am determined to bring the title home to Aruba."

Marinus Wegereef and Rene Laclé of Star Promotion explained that even though Gillain went through preliminary pageant training on her way to becoming Miss Aruba, they will be putting together a team dedicated to teaching her all she needs to learn to be a serious contender for the Miss Universe title. To accomplish this, Star Promotions needs sponsors, and is asking Aruba's business community to support their new representative, as they consider her poise, beauty and character will make an outstanding impression on the judges.

"The Miss Universe Pageant is the World Cup of such events, the 'crème de la crème' of beauty pageants," he continued "we are putting together a superior team to make this dream come true. However, we cannot do it without the spiritual and financial support of the community."

He requests that anyone wishing to dedicate time, or donate products, services or funds to the project please contact him at 597-0983.

"We believe Gillain can be a real local success story," he concluded.



Gillain Berry Miss Aruba



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Prime Minister on a Mission: A Better Aruba

What appeared to be a working visit to meet the newly elected Dutch Ministers actually was more than just courtesy calling but specifically to continue the work on his mission: a better Aruba.

During his working visit from November 21st to 28th, Prime Minister Mike Eman and his delegation had more than 30 meetings with various persons and groups. Among those with whom they met were new Dutch Prime Minister Rutte, Minister of the Interior and Kingdom Affairs Piet Hein Donner, Jan Kees Dutch Minister of Finance, Dutch Minister of External Affairs, Uri Rosenthal, Hans Helen Minister of Defense, Melanie Schults, Minister of Transport and Waterworks, and Dutch Minister of Economic Affairs, Maxime Verhage. Eman also met with the three party leaders in the house, VVD, PvdA and CDA.

Eman gave a presentation to the Permanent Chamber Commission charged with Kingdom Relations.

On his agenda was also an encounter with past Dutch Prime Minister Jan Peter Balkenende, Laurens Jan

Brinkhorst, Erica Terpstra and Hirsh Balin. And, if this wasn't enough, Eman also met with Professor Wubbo Ockels and a team from NUNA of TU-Delft, and with the management of TNO. He was able to sign a memorandum of agreement with TNO for a joint study on alternative energy for Aruba.

Every encounter, according to Eman, is with the focus on realizing the plans that the government has for Aruba. At the start of his administration, he says they concentrated on controlling the crisis of the people not having sufficient buying power and to help and protect those most vulnerable in our community. He says, it was crucial at that moment to improve the confidence of the people in Aruba in general and in the government in particular. Not only most we have confidence at home, but also ensure that our partners have confidence in Aruba. Partners like Valero, the Netherlands, KLM, and Carnival Cruises needed to have confidence in us, he remarked.

The government's plans included reducing expenses structurally, while at the same

time focusing on reducing the crisis. The AOV and AZV expenses were at an all time high under the previous administration along with the public pension fund. According to the Central Bank the government had to take action or else Aruba would face unprecedented expenses similar to what occurred in the Antilles.

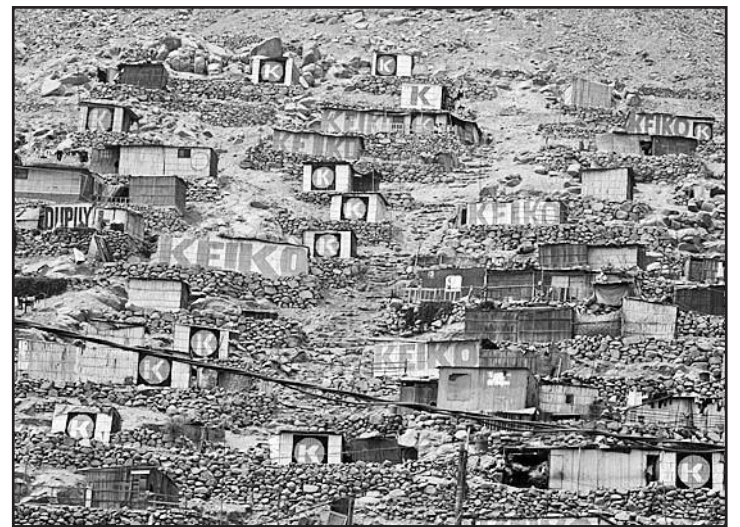
The Social Dialogue, a first for Aruba, which involved all stakeholders and lasted several weeks with Eman himself leading these sessions received substantial support from everyone and gave the government the impetus to make some vital changes.

The landmark decision to reduce the pension program of government ministers and parliamentarians has raised accolades from most Arubans and even from outside of Aruba. This austerity measure will now enable the government to create a healthy financial situation for our public finances.

After what he termed 'crisis control,' and a reduction of expenditures, the Eman Administration is intent on focusing on 'making Aruba great,' and on how to stimulate the economy. In every conversation with Dutch politicians and others, Eman emphasized the importance of a good relationship with the Netherlands and on creating a win-win situation for all.

The goal is to by 2013 Aruba have a flourishing economy with a government in control of her finances. It is obvious that Eman has gained the respect of our partners and is the motor behind much of the progress and renewal taking place.

Fujimori's daughter announces candidacy for presidential elections



LIMA, Peru -- Photo shows a view of houses painted with the first name of Keiko Fujimori, daughter of Peru's former President Alberto

Fujimori, in Huaycan shantytown, eastern outskirts of Lima. Fujimori announced yesterday announced her candidacy for Peru's presidential elections, on April 2011.

Keiko Fujimori is a popular conservative in Peru.

WikiLeaks chief Assange behind bars in Britain

LONDON, England (AFP) -- WikiLeaks chief Julian Assange was refused bail yesterday by a British judge over claims of sex crimes in Sweden, dealing a fresh blow to the website which vowed to stay online and reveal more US secrets.

The elusive 39-year-old Australian said he would fight an extradition request by Swedish authorities as he appeared in court in London just hours after he emerged from a month in hiding and surrendered to police.

Filmmaker Ken Loach, socialite Jemima Khan and campaigning journalist John Pilger each offered to put up part of his bail but a judge in London refused, saying a court would review the situation at a hearing on December 14

Climate efforts 'insufficient,' Ban tells Cancun talks

CANCUN (AFP) - UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon on Tuesday called the world's efforts to contain climate change "insufficient" and urged countries meeting in Cancun, Mexico, to come up with a "breakthrough."

"I'm deeply concerned that our efforts so far have been insufficient, that despite the evidence and many years of negotiation we are still not rising to the challenge," Ban told the UN-led talks of more than

190 nations.

"Delegates say the two-week talks in the beach resort have been making steady progress, but largely on small issues, with the hardest decisions -- including on nations' cuts in carbon emissions -- put off until later.

"Nature will not wait while we negotiate," Ban said, warning that scientists predict that the effects of climate change may soon be irreversible.

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Boa Constrictor Taskforce calls for volunteers for a concerted hunt

The President of the Boa Constrictor Task Force, Diego Marquez, issued a call for hundreds of volunteers to take part in an intensive and extensive effort to eradicate this threat to indigenous island species during a press conference conducted at the government building in Oranjestad on Thursday morning, December 2.

Operating under the auspices of the Minister of Integration, Infrastructure and Environment, Oslin Benito (Benny) Sevinger, the taskforce announced three training sessions to be conducted over the coming week in recognizing and handling the reptiles which have no natural predator on Aruba to control their population.

Exactly when and how the species was first introduced to Aruba is unknown, but in a few years they have proliferated at an alarming rate, giving live birth to 64 young at one time; there are no native animals which threaten even the new born boas. The largest found on Aruba so far measures 2.9 meters, nearly 10 ft long.

A previous sweep bagged 800 boas, "but we can assume for every boa found there are at least another 4 in the bush," reports Mr. Marquez, who is the official consulting ecologist to the Arikok National Park. "The boa constrictor, which is not venomous, has a prodigious appetite and is a relentless hunter. It can reach the highest tree branches and is decimating



Greg Peterson, Byron Boekhoudt of Coastal Zone Management, Diego Marquez and Minister Sevinger

many valuable bird species." They also threaten Aruba's bird population by consuming many small vermin, larger insects and lizards that make the diet of the avian population. Though initially confined to more rural areas, over the past few years they have even been found in urban areas such as San Nicolas and Oranjestad.

Greg Peterson, President and founder of the Aruba Birdlife Conservation Foundation, joined the plea for volunteers for a massive effort to control the boas. Those interested in participating in the hunt can contact the organizing committee at boa.taskforce@gmail.com.

Two trainings were already held on December 4 and 7 at the Centro di Barrio

Playa Pabao and Centro di Barrio Piedra Plat respectively. The last session will be conducted tomorrow night at the Centro di Barrio Savaneta from 8 to 9 p.m.. Volunteers must go through the training to participate; the plan is to grab, bag and tag as many boas as possible during a single massive effort. The first hunt will take place on Sunday, December 12.

Depending on results and the number of volunteers, subsequent operations will follow. Mr. Marquez asserts at least 200 volunteers are needed for the hunt to be effective. "We are counting on the community to come out in force to protect our nature, wildlife and pets" expressed organizers.

by Rosalie Klein

Suriname ex-minister appointed head of anti-drugs body

WASHINGTON -- Former Surinamese Justice and Police Minister Chandrikapersad Santokhi has been appointed chairman of the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD), a security organ of the Organisation of American States (OAS). The 48th meeting of CICAD where the 51-year-old Surinamer was elected, is ongoing at the OAS headquarters in Washington.

Mr Santokhi's candidature was proposed by Brazil and supported by Mexico and other Caribbean countries. Suriname's President Desi Bouterse also supported Mr Santokhi's candidature for the CICAD post, even though the two were political rivals. Mr Santokhi was a candidate for the presidency himself in the formation talks following the May 2010 elections.

In a press release issued by the Surinamese cabinet, Mr Santokhi is quoted as assuring the body that he would do his utmost in the fight against drugs. OAS Secretary-General Albert Ramdin - also a Surinamer - said Mr Santokhi's appointment was an acknowledgement of the efforts made by the Surinamese government on the illegal drugs trade in recent years.

CICAD was established by the OAS General Assembly in 1986 as the West's policy forum on all aspects of the drug problem. Its core objective is to strengthen the human and institutional capacities of its member states to reduce the production, trafficking and use of illegal drugs, and to address the health, social and criminal consequences of the illegal drug trade.

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Plant NV money not for paying bills according to Minister de Meza



In yesterday's public Parliamentary meeting the topic of the SIF (debt recovery and investment funds) Budget originating from the Plant NV income, was addressed.

The Plant NV property sale brought 200 plus million florins into the government's coffers, of which the amount of 19 million remains unspent.

After many suggestions as to how to spend this amount, the larger consensus was to spend a large portion of it on education.

Minister of Education, Arthur Dowers, who was also present in the Parliamentary meeting, presented an itemized list of the many educational projects needing funds. Included on his list was the repair of school buildings and/or the building of schools. Dowers also placed heavy emphasis on the need for school material, instructional materials for our schools.

Minister of Finance, Mike de Meza, in his address to Parliament intimated that he is convinced that this money should not be spent on just paying bills, but that it should be invested in a manner that

would benefit the people, our community. Responding to the numerous questions raised by Parliamentarians concerning the approval of the government's budget in view of the meager prospect of getting this approved at this late stage in the year. According to de Meza, there are six laws pending approval which he believes must first be approved before moving ahead with the general budget approval.

It is important to know what impact these laws will have on the new budget; hence it is prudent to have those approved first, according to the Minister of Finance.

De Meza concurred that the budget deficit is high, but that the government is doing everything possible to keep this within international norms. The government, he said, is working diligently on finding structural solutions and to continue their quest for a growth in the economy.

This Parliament meeting was attended by several ministers who were present to respond to the many questions raised by Parliament

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Western Union contributed with cash prizes for the "Original Philippino Music Festival 2010"



Last Friday the Philippine community in Aruba celebrated its culture and music with an "Original Philippino Music Festival 2010" in the Hyatt Regency Aruba Resort & Casino Ballroom.

This evening was a very joyful and successful one. The 15 finalists that were pre-selected had to sing songs from Philippine composers in any of the 83 dialects; most of the participants sang in Tagalo and one song was done in English.

For the winners of the music festival there were cash prizes and trophies. Western Union contributed with cash prizes for the 3 winners. The first prize in the amount of 1,000 Aruan florins was won by Gavin Eufea, the second prize of 500 Aruban florins

went to Maricar Antioquia and third place was for May Ann Palencia who won 250 Aruan florins.

Jennifer Kock, representative of Post Aruba N.V. and the official agent of Western Union, on handing over the prizes to the Philippine consul in Aruba, Ami Henriquez Mendez, expressed that for Western Union it was an honor to be present during this evening and to contribute once again to the activities of the Philippine community in Aruba, and she extended her congratulations to the 15 finalists who made it a very enjoyable evening.

As always, Western Union will continue cooperating with the Philippine community.

American Home Assurance dedicates its calendar 2011 to the beautiful birds of Aruba



For its 10th calendar, American Home Assurance Company worked again with Mr. Gregory M. Peterson to have beautiful birds of Aruba on the calendar. Greg has formed a foundation called Aruba Birdlife Conservation in May 2010 to contribute to our island's urgent wildlife conservation needs. The calendar is thus dedicated to ecology and preservation of wildlife.

American Home Assurance has donated one thousand calendars to the Aruba Birdlife Conservation and these calendars can be purchased for Awg. 12.50 each by contacting the foundation at Aruba.birdlife.conservation@gmail.com. The calendars make an excellent Christmas gift.

Photos show scenes during the launch of calendar.



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Harry & Harriett truly believe Aruba is “One Happy Island”



Since Harry Meyers of Pennsauken, New Jersey was a student, oh so many years ago, he always saw the music and poetry in the world around him. Since his youth he has been writing songs and poems and creating cute little drawings of whatever inspired him, which pretty well describes everything.

Harry has entertained his fellow timeshare owners at the Playa Linda with his creations, and recently posted on their bulletin board a picture that very much sums up the feelings he and his wife Harriett share about Aruba after nearly 25 years of vacationing here annually.

“Paradise! Enchantment! Happiness! = Aruba” is their confirmed belief, and those they share the beach with during their annual two weeks on Aruba heartily agree; they convinced Harry he should further share his feelings with THE MORNING NEWS.

THE MORNING NEWS is proud to unveil one of Harry’s many creations to the public at large for the first time. He has copyrighted 44 of his appealing handiwork, including a song called “Make Believe World,” a sweet tune that dreams of how good life could be if we all made the effort.

“When we were courting,” recalls Harriett, “there were

moments when I would feel very stressed, so I would ask Harry to sing to me. “Make Believe World,” in particular, always made me feel better and helped to calm me.”

For Harriett, Aruba is now the calming influence that makes her “feel at peace like no other place on earth. This is the perfect place to relax,” she claims. “Never in our lives have we encountered such happy, honest and respectful people. A few years ago when we had gone to the beach for the day I had taken off my rings and wrapped them in my hat. I forgot all about it when I put my hat on, and they fell into the sand, I had no idea where.”

“A group of young Arubans saw Harry searching through the sand looking for my rings, and when they found out what had happened, insisted on helping him, no matter how long it took. After about two hours they finally found them for us and refused any sort of compensation for their time. In fact, we ended getting invited to share their beach barbecue! We had a wonderful time. Aruba’s weather may not have been so great this week, but the sun doesn’t need to shine for



us to enjoy the island, the sunshine is in people!” she concludes. Harry’s poetry tends toward the humorous and topical with titles such as “Ode to Smarty Jones,” (a famous racehorse) or “Nutten but Woids.” He invites everyone to enjoy a sample at a free poetry recital he is giving today at the Playa Linda Coffee Hut on the beach from 3:30 to 4:00 PM. “Just a little something to relieve the monotony of sitting on the

beach,” he suggests. “I hope they enjoy my efforts.”

Despite a father who lived through the Depression and so discouraged Harry from “fooling around with that stuff,” and to “go out and get a real job,” whimsical art, music and poetry have always been Harry’s avocation; now that he is retired, they are a full-time pre-occupation!

by Rosalie Klein

Sci-Tech

Video games get kids to eat more veg, fruit: study

WASHINGTON (AFP) - After being fingered as a key cause of the rising rate of US childhood obesity, video games got a reprieve Tuesday as a new study showed they can be used to encourage kids to eat healthier foods.

The study, conducted in the United States, where nearly one in five six- to 19-year-olds is obese, found that children who played certain "serious" video games -- not the blockbuster blood-and-guts ones like "Black Ops" -- increased the amount of fruit and vegetables they ate per day by around one serving.

That is a useful step towards fighting childhood flab because "increased fruit and vegetable intakes have been associated with decreased risk of obesity," says the study published in the American Journal of Preventive Medicine.

Baylor College of Medicine professor Tom Baranowski, who led the study, said the video games "Escape from Diab" and "Nanoswarm," which were designed to change diet and physical activity behaviors to reduce the risk of becoming obese and diabetic, "motivated players to substantially

improve diet behaviors.

"Diab and Nanoswarm were designed as epic video game adventures, comparable to commercial quality video games. These games incorporate a broad diversity of behavior change procedures woven in and around engrossing stories," he said.

Playing both games several times "had a meaningful effect on dietary fruit and vegetable intake," the study found.

But while that was good news, the bad news was that the children did not get more exercise, and, even with their increased intake of healthy foods, they still failed to eat the doctor-recommended minimum daily amount of fruit and vegetables.

Health professionals recommend that children eat five servings a day of fruit or vegetables and get an hour of moderate to vigorous exercise.

"Serious video games hold promise, but their effectiveness and mechanisms of change among youth need to be more thoroughly investigated," said Baranowski.

The childhood obesity rate in the United States has tripled in 30 years, with ex-

perts blaming the rise on everything from a poor diet based on processed foods to kids spending too much time in front of the television or playing computer games when they could be outside exercising.

Obese children are more likely than their normal-weight counterparts to grow up to be obese adults, to suffer from a number of obesity-related conditions including diabetes, cardiovascular disease and fatty liver disease, and to die prematurely of any cause, various studies have found.

Albino kookaburras found in northern Australia



SYDNEY, Australia (AFP) - Australian wildlife workers this week said they had discovered a never-before-seen pair of blue-winged albino kookaburras, believed to have been swept from their nests in a wild storm.

The six-week-old birds, renowned for their laughing cry, were found waterlogged at the base of a tree by a cattle farmer near Ravenshoe, in far northern Queensland, said Harry Kunz from the Eagles

Nest Wildlife Sanctuary.

The pink-eyed, pink-beaked and starkly white creatures, thought to be sisters, are the first specimens of their kind ever found in Australia, Kunz said. They are still too young to feed themselves or fly.

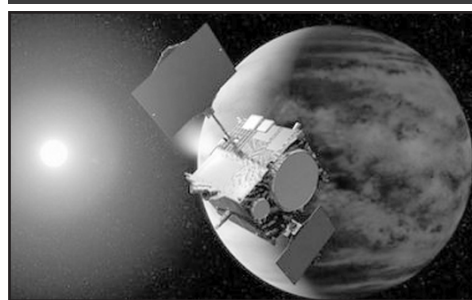
"Everybody asks me 'are they rare?' They have never been seen because in nature they would not survive a few days out of the nest because their white colour sticks out and every reptile, owl or predator will get them," Kunz told AFP.

"In the whole of Australia I know there is about three white laughing kookaburras but they are not albino, they have black eyes. For blue wings nobody knows that they exist or can be hatching in this colour."

Wild storms which had recently rocked the area were believed to have swept the unusual chicks from their nests, he added.

Feeding on a diet of small mice, cicadas and moths, the birds were in good health and would be raised at the sanctuary, said Kunz.

Japan's first Venus probe struggling to enter orbit



This illustration created by Akihiko Ikeshita received from Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) shows an artists impression of The Planet-C Venus Climate Orbiter, nicknamed "Akatsuki" or "Dawn", orbiting Venus

TOKYO (AFP) - Japan's first space probe bound for Venus was struggling on Tuesday to enter the planet's orbit, the space agency said.

The Planet-C Venus Climate Orbiter, a box-shaped golden satellite fitted with two paddle-shaped solar panels, blasted off from a space

centre in southern Japan in May.

The probe, nicknamed "Akatsuki" or "Dawn", reversed its engine to slow down and enter the planet's gravitational field but lost contact with ground control longer than had been anticipated, the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) said.

It was presumed to have shifted itself into a "safe hold mode", and was able to communicate only by via one of its three antennae after the blackout ended.

"It is not known which path the probe is following at the moment," JAXA official Munetaka Ueno told reporters at the ground control late Tuesday. "We are making maximum effort to readjust the probe."

Venus is similar in size and age to Earth but has a far more hostile climate, with temperatures around 460 degrees Celsius (860 degrees Fahrenheit) and large amounts of carbon dioxide, the primary greenhouse gas on Earth.

Scientists believe an investigation of the climate of Venus will help them deepen their understanding of the formation of the Earth's environment and its future.

Fitted with five cameras, the probe will peer through the planet's thick layer of sulphuric acid clouds to monitor the meteorology of Venus, search for possible lightning, and scan its crust for active volcanoes.

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Health & Living

Aspirin reduces cancer risk

PARIS (AFP) — A small, daily dose of aspirin significantly diminishes the risk of death from a wide range of cancers, according to a landmark study released Tuesday.

The new study, published in the British medical journal *The Lancet*, reveals for the first time that aspirin also helps protect against prostate, lung, brain, and throat cancers, among others.

"These findings provide the first proof in man that aspirin reduces deaths due to several common cancers," said Peter Rothwell, a professor at the University of Oxford and lead author of the study.

Rothwell and colleagues reviewed eight previous clinical trials involving a total of more than 25,500 patients. In each, some subjects took aspirin and others look-alike placebos.

Risk was especially reduced after five years of treatment with the drug, by 30 to 40 percent depending on the type of cancer.

For cancer of the lung and throat, the protective effect was confined to adenocarcinomas, the type typically seen in non-smokers.

The length of time before the benefits of taking aspirin kicked in also varied: five years for throat, pancreatic, brain and lung cancer, about 10 years for stomach and colorectal cancer, and 15 years for prostate cancer.

"These promising results build on a large body of evidence suggesting that aspirin could reduce the risk of developing or dying from many different types of cancer," said Ed Yong of Cancer Research UK in commenting on the study.

"This tells us that even small doses reduce the risk of dying from cancer provided it is taken for at least five years."

Daily use of the drug, available without prescription, may cause stomach problems, including stomach bleeding. Alcohol use can aggravate these symptoms.

"We encourage anyone interested in taking aspirin on a regular basis to talk to their doctor first," Yong said.

Aspirin is believed to have a preventive effect because it inhibits an enzyme called COX-2, which promotes cell proliferation in cancer tumours.

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Dark spots, and freckles, and skin-damage -oh my!

Looking to lighten your complexion? Every shade of skin is beautiful, but as we grow older our skin tone can change. Freckles may appear, dark spots can arise, and skin may not be as light as it once was. So, if you're still not ready to embrace your dark side, read on for a few natural whitening tips and tricks.

Use Sunblock

One of the easiest ways to

stay fair is to use sunblock on a daily basis. Find a moisturizer that includes an SPF of 15 or higher and use it every morning after washing your face. Sunblock not only prevents your skin from getting darker, but also blocks harmful UV rays that can cause cancer and premature aging. Remember your hands when applying sunblock, as they are a prime area for age spots.

Exfoliate

Exfoliating once a week will remove dead skin cells to lighten and brighten your skin. Mix two tablespoons oatmeal and two tablespoons brown sugar with a quarter cup of milk, and stir until a paste forms. Gently scrub your face, rinse, and moisturize.

Make a Mask

A homemade mask is a

great way to lighten your skin and a good excuse to kick back on the couch. Try using one once a week. Use one tablespoon of each of the following: sandalwood paste, lemon juice, tomato juice, and cucumber juice. Mix them all together to form a paste. Spread the mixture on your face and wait until it dries. Rinse and moisturize for a natural glow.

Mobile Bazaar 2010

Lugar: Setar Seroe Blanco

Fecha: 12 December 2010

Orario di Actividad: 9.00 am - 10.00 pm

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SETAR N.V.'S famous "Mobile Bazaar" this year promises to be fabulous



This year, the well known end of the year event, SETAR N.V.'s "Mobile Bazaar" will have many, many surprises. The event will take place on Sunday, December 12 at SETAR's offices at Seroe Blanco. The activities start at 9:00 a.m. with lots of offers at bargain prices for everyone's pocket, and finishes at 10:00 p.m. with the custom-

ary firework

Activities are, among others, a small flea market comprising 10 stands where local artists and local chefs can sell their products and food, prepared especially for this holiday season. The well known Pevesa tent will be well stocked with drinks and delicious platters to tease everyone's taste bud.



Those who arrive early will have the opportunity to go into the "grabbelton" (a search barrel) – where for only Afls.35 one can pick out a telephone that is worth much more than that.

There will be musical entertainment by musical and Gaita groups. The kids sec-

tion keeps expanding and this time besides the Dino Jump, there will be stands with Wii games, Mechanical Kiddie Rides, and for drawing. Also a first will be a train to transport the kids from the entrance to the kids section.

The organizers of the Mobile Bazaar are doing their ut-



most to keep this year's queue in the parking lot (that every year gets longer and longer) much shorter. In short, the "Mobile Bazaar" of SETAR N.V. this year promises to be something sensational.

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ACROSS

1. ___ mash
5. Deep cut
9. Improvised jazz tune
13. Pedestal part
17. "Do ___ others as ..."
18. Part of a rupee
19. Quality: suffix
20. Operatic song
21. Tempo
22. Caesar's road
23. Stated
24. Top of the line
25. Brandenburg concert composer
29. "___ the season ..."
30. Danish money
31. Diamond gal
32. Accessories for Batman and Dracula
35. Enact
39. Attack
43. Beame or Fortas

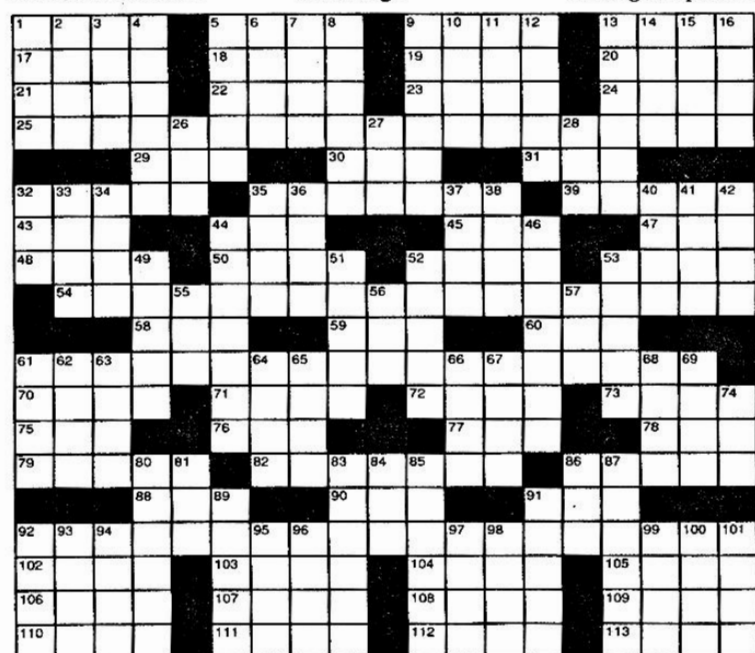
44. ___ Aviv
45. Track circuit
47. White ___
48. Persian sprite
50. Orkney fishing grounds
52. Other: prefix
53. Container weight
54. "Moonlight" sonata musician
58. Musical sense
59. Recent: prefix
60. Diving bird
61. "Peer Gynt" composer
70. Of an age
71. Eye part
72. Hornbeam, e.g.
73. Bread spread
75. Swedish district
76. Up until now
77. ___ Arc, Arkansas
78. Stopover spot
79. Smudge

82. Minnesota town
86. Chatter
88. Small mere
90. Mischievous child
91. Before, to a bard
92. "Manru" composer
102. Cry of dismay
103. Undersized plant
104. Songwriter Porter
105. Solar deity
106. Meditate
107. Being: Latin
108. Powder ingredient
109. Brook
110. Lays odds
111. Leading actor
112. Immediately, medically
113. Low cart

DOWN

1. School course: abbr.
2. ___ cat
3. Mormon State
4. Revolve
5. Acquires
6. Certain colonists
7. Snick and ___
8. Port
9. Poughkeepsie college

10. Med. school course
11. 1102, to Cato
12. Foot lever
13. Trifle
14. Field
15. Camera or brake
16. Formal promise
26. Former capital of Serbia
27. Columnist Buchwald
28. Pen point
32. Baseball hat
33. Spy Rudolf
34. Incan domain
35. Wampum
36. King of Norway
37. Everything, in Emden
38. Connecticut university
40. Croat or Czech
41. Colleen's land
42. High-schooler
44. In tertiary ranking
46. Thick soups
49. Utopian
51. Snake's teeth
52. Scrub
53. Yedo today
55. "___ and Peace"
56. Barbara Bush, ___ Pierce
57. "Ben ___"
61. Lampreys
62. Apothecary's weight
63. Windmill blade
64. Cad
65. Before: prefix
66. Indic language
67. Noble
68. Director Kazan
69. Polite chap
74. Hole in ___
80. Degrades
81. Sinbad's bird
83. Geyser vent deposit
84. Ref
85. Solar v. lunar year discrepancies
86. ___-Columbian
87. Prize
89. Actor Richard et al.
91. Upstanding
92. Metrical foot
93. Mucilage
94. Cartoonist Thomas
95. Fair
96. Handle
97. Adore
98. Logan or Raines
99. Commotion
100. Tropical nut
101. Deeply, to a poet



Note to Solvers: This Crossword does not have hints such as "2 wds." and "hyph."

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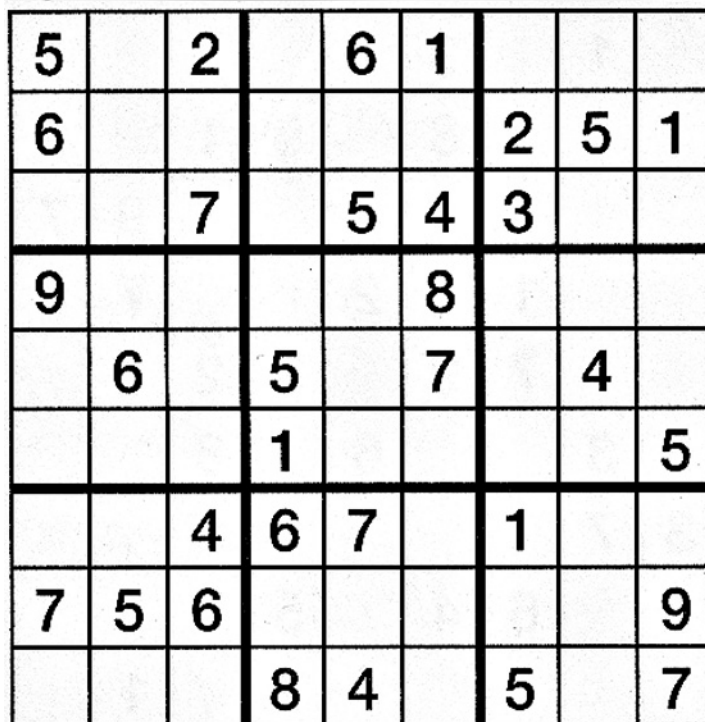
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SOLUTION

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6	8	7	2	1	8	9	9	2
8	2	1	9	2	9	7	6	8
9	8	2	9	6	1	8	2	7
8	7	6	2	2	9	1	9	8
2	1	9	8	8	7	9	2	6
9	6	8	7	9	2	2	8	1
1	9	2	8	8	2	6	7	9
7	2	8	1	9	6	2	8	9

Complete the grid so that every row and every column contains the numbers 1 through 9
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In addition every rectangle must contain the numbers 1 through 9

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ALBERT, France --Journalists waited for the arrival of French football icon Eric Cantona yesterday in front of the BNP bank of Albert, northern France, where Cantona announced his intent to make a large withdrawal as part of his bid to destroy global banking by calling his French compatriots to withdraw cash en masse. By yesterday afternoon, the day Cantona suggested his anti-capitalist revolution should begin -- very few people appeared to have kept their promise to empty their bank accounts.

(AFP PHOTO)



Sochaux, France --Picture shows the twenty millionth car produced at the historic PSA Peugeot Sochaux plant in Sochaux, eastern France. The car, a Peugeot 5008 model, will be sent as a gift to an orphanage in Haiti, flattened by a 7.0-magnitude earthquake that left 250,000 dead in January 2010.

(AFP PHOTO)



A Bank of America billboard dominates a street corner in Times Square in New York City. US banking giant Bank of America has admitted it committed fraud in the bond derivatives market and will pay 137.3 million dollars in damages, the government said yesterday.

(AFP PHOTO)

Euro firms but advance is fragile

LONDON, England (AFP) --The euro firmed against the dollar yesterday but analysts said the gains were tentative in the face of fears Ireland might not be the last financially troubled eurozone state to need a rescue.

Currency traders groped for clarity from eurozone finance ministers, who determined that at the moment there was no need to boost the size of an emergency fund for countries overwhelmed by public debt and deficits.

The president of the full 27-member European Union, Herman Van Rompuy, said the eurozone emergency bailout fund could be expanded "if needed" at a later date but that

the trillion-dollar facility was enough for now.

"There is no problem with the amount available in the facility and up to now there is no need to increase the means available for the facility," Van Rompuy told a press conference.

"For now on there is no problem at all," he said. "If needed we'll consider it but that is not a question today."

The remarks did little to convince investors that eurozone leaders will be able to prevent the debt crisis from spreading to Spain and Portugal, driving up their borrowing costs to untenable levels.

Nonetheless, the euro was firmer in late London trade,

rising to 1.3332 dollars from 1.3304 dollars on Monday.

The dollar was meanwhile trading at 83.05 yen against 82.67 yen on Monday.

Traders were also keeping a wary eye on Ireland, where the finance minister announced the 2011 budget that included already an announced 6.0 billion euros (8.0 billion dollars) in savings via tax hikes and spending cuts that are necessary to secure an 85-billion-euro EU-IMF bailout.

Brian Lenihan, delivering his 2011 budget to the Dail, or lower house of parliament, said he would make the savings as part of a four-year plan to slash a huge public deficit by a total of 15 billion euros.

EU strips bank secrecy from cross-border tax defences

BRUSSEL, Belgium (AFP) --The EU claimed a long-delayed deal yesterday removing bank secrecy as a reason for blocking information sharing in a bid to clamp down on cross-border tax fraud and boost austerity-battered state coffers.

The European Union's taxation commissioner Algirdas Semeta said finance ministers had taken "a huge step forward in the fight against tax evasion and tax fraud in the EU" at a time when pub-

lic budgets are under intense pressure.

"Tax evaders can no longer exploit bank secrecy as an excuse," he said of new arrangements that will introduce time limits for national tax authorities to answer requests for information on citizens or businesses and parameters for the "automatic" exchange of information.

Belgian Finance Minister Didier Reynders, who chaired talks among all 27 EU states, said it would also

mean "an important step on the road to budgetary consolidation" for debt-laden partners.

The deal, which covers "income from employment, directors' fees, dividends, capital gains, royalties, certain life insurance products, pensions, and ownership of and income from immovable property," will apply from January 1 next year, but is not retroactive.

The reform was blocked almost one year ago by Austria and Luxembourg, which maintain a form of banking secrecy. The initiative still rests on conditions relating to what information should be "available," a maximum of five of the above income categories from 2015, eventually aiming for eight.

EU opens WTO door to Russia in 'milestone' deal

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AFP) --The European Union backed Russia's entry into the World Trade Organization in a "milestone" deal yesterday that finally opens the door to Moscow's accession in 2011 after 17 years of negotiations.

"We've reached a very important agreement," said President Dmitry Medvedev at a one-day EU-Russia summit. "I'm very satisfied."

Russia is the last major world power still outside the global trade body and the deal with the world's largest trading bloc clears a crucial hurdle for Moscow's possible accession as early as next year.

"We have achieved a breakthrough," European Commis-

sion chief Jose Manuel Barroso said after talks with Medvedev and EU President Herman Van Rompuy.

He added that Russia's hope for 2011 entry "is a realistic perspective."

The agreement settled the last trade sticking-points between the two sides after a compromise on tariff barriers reached November 24 that needed last-minute ironing-out -- tariffs on wood and rail freight.

Moscow, which complains it has had to negotiate longer than anyone else to join the Geneva-based body, in October also won US backing for accession. "This was our most successful year," said Medvedev.

YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer

SOUR	GASH	VAMP	DADO
UNTO	ANNA	ANCE	ARIA
BEAT	ITER	SAID	BEST
JOHANN	SEBASTIAN	BACH	
TIS	ORA	LIL	
CAPES	PORTRAY	BESET	
ABE	TEL	LAP	LIE
PERT	HAAF	ALLO	TARE
LUOWIG	VAN	BEETHOVEN	
EAR	NEO	AUK	
EDVARD	HAGERUP	GRIEG	
ERAL	LENS	TREE	OLEO
LAN	YET	DES	INN
SMEAR	LESUEUR	PRATE	
BOG	IMP	ERE	
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ALAS	RUNT	COLE	ATON
MUSE	ESSE	TALC	RILL
BETS	STAR	STAT	DRAY

The Queen's offers an authentic taste of Aruba!



Varella, Luisa and the next generation of chef



Keshi Yena with plaintains, vegetables and pica

One of the distinctions of Aruban cuisine is incorporating unique indigenous ingredients such as in Wild Cucumber Stew and a particular light fish chowder accompanied by the local specialties pan bati (corn meal pancake) and funchi (the local version of polenta.) Thus, eating out at the authentically Aruban restaurant, The Queen's, is very affordable, with a true taste of regional cuisine.

Owner Varella Innocencia confesses she opened her restaurant in Oranjestad because "I grew up with this, and loved serving people our island food. My father and mother operated the little restaurant across from the Americana, which some may remember, the original Arawak. I remember how much our customers loved trying the local food, and they especially loved the prices!"

Varella's mom, Luisa, is still in the kitchen, conjuring up the delicious dishes that have been in her family for generations, which is acknowledged on the menu with "Carni Stoba di Mamachi"- "Grandma's Beef Stew," and their Arawak Steak.

We also bumped into island visitors Jim and Callie from Michigan, who were eager to try island food, and were more than pleased with their venture

into local cuisine. "We will definitely return to The Queen's," they affirmed, "the food was delicious and the prices are more than right."

The menu sports a variety of steaks and tenderloin, fresh caught seafood, Caribbean lobster, and of course, one of our favorites, and what we consider a true test of local cuisine, "Keshi Yena"- "Filled Cheese." This is a tasty, filling stew of chicken, with other ingredients that are handy that day, all incased in a thick skin of melted Gouda. It was very satisfying and particularly memorable paired with The Queen's garlic bread and very special Pica, a mix of chopped onions and the famous local hot pepper, Madame Janette. Not overly spicy, it lent that perfect bit of tang to this deliciously picturesque meal.

Located next to the Harbor at the end of the Weststraat, The Queen's is open from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., daily, offering indoor and outdoor dining. They also have daily specials, aside from an extensive menu; made from whatever is in season and Mama Luisa was in the mood to prepare.

We noticed a steady stream of islanders coming for lunch in the pleasant surroundings or picking up take-out containers; always a sure sign of a winner is where the locals like to eat!

Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

Managers of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, report that sales are picking up nicely as the global economy begins to recover and those with a bit of disposal income are looking to invest in a sure thing. Gold Coast Directing Manager Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners are barely using the villas or town homes they purchase, but taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their 'home away from home' in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community; in this area, the value of properties has only increased over time. It is minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway; we are very pleased by the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy run Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project; the scope and amenities. We talked to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."



Input from frequent vacationers who dreamed of their own home in Aruba will eventually be a community of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional pools decks, one of which has been open for a year, the other will be ready for the holidays 2010. They expect the clubhouse to be ready for the community with a workout room and specta-

homes. An elegant and chic standard package is available, or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property; not the least is the future value of the investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast managers have inaugurated a number of in-house services and are now negotiating with Interval International to pro-



cular facilities by the end of 2011. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the management association's rental service. There is always a great demand for Aruba and facilities such as those at Gold Coast, making it easy for some owners to earn their mortgage payments or others to see an immediate return on their investment.

The design of the structures is open, airy and spacious, fully deploying the island environment, with the finest quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options for clients, so buyers can individualize their

vide a huge international pool for investors to tap for renters either short or long term. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination will also be available. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, babysitting and catering services are also available for community members as well as airport pick-up and drop-off and pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can all be arranged through their home management department.

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Johnny Cash jumpsuit sells for 50,000 dollars

LOS ANGELES, California. (AFP) — A jumpsuit that belonged to country music legend Johnny Cash has been sold for 50,000 dollars, the auction house that organized the sale has said.

The plain blue suit was made famous in a photograph that became known simply as "The Finger," in which the much-troubled singer sneeringly flicks a one-digit salute to the camera as he rehearsed for a concert before the inmates of San Quentin State Prison in California.

A Johnny Cash shirt went under the hammer for 31,250

dollars, a rare poster sold for 25,000 dollars, while knee-high boots he once wore were bought for nearly 22,000 dollars, said Beverly Hills-based Julien's Auctions.

The "Man in Black," whose biggest hits include "Folsom Prison Blues," "I Walk the Line" and "Ring of Fire," died at 71 in September 2003, four months after his wife June.

He was the subject of the 2005 biopic, "I Walk the Line," starring Joaquin Phoenix and Reese Witherspoon.



Lennon: Forever young 30 years after death

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - Thirty years after his untimely death, gunned down in the street outside his New York apartment, John Lennon remains a legend whose music and drive for world peace has inspired generations of artists.

The former Beatle died on December 8, 1980 after being shot four times in the back by Mark David Chapman outside the chic Dakota apartment block in Central Park West where he lived with his second wife, Yoko Ono.

Lennon had just celebrated his 40th birthday. Now every year on October 9, Lennon's birthday, and December 8, fans flock to the apartment block where Ono still lives to pay tribute to the Liverpool-born musician and mourn his passing.

Chapman, who was mentally unstable and just 25 at the time, had staked out Lennon's apartment and earlier in the day the musician had even autographed a copy of his latest album "Double Fantasy" for the man who would kill him.

Chapman eventually pleaded guilty to murder and was sentenced to 20 years to life imprisonment.

He remains in Attica jail, north of New York, and his request for parole has been turned down six times. Ono has also opposed his release, fearing for her safety and that of their son Sean Lennon, now 35.

But Lennon's powerful legacy lives on, Liverpool -- the hometown of the Beatles -- even renamed its airport after one of its most famous heroes.

Earlier this year, Ono took part in celebrations in Iceland to mark what would have been Lennon's 70th birthday, al-



though she said he had never liked to mark the progress of time.

"The last birthday, he told me: 'I can't quite believe I'm going to be 40.' I don't think he liked that part," she told The Times newspaper.

"I don't think of him as 70. He was always that sort of strutting around, very, very energetic guy, and to me he's still like that."

Syracuse University pop culture professor Robert Thompson said Lennon "died young, like Elvis Presley."

"Although the peak of their musical influence had already passed, for both of them, they immediately became legends," he told AFP.

"Lennon was also a political figure, with his look, the hair, the glasses, his way of life, he symbolized the 'zeitgeist' of the period."

"Lennon died, but Yoko Ono did not. She became a little bit of the burning flame," Thompson said, adding that her involvement has proved complicated, with critics accusing her of living off Lennon's talent.

Lennon's death marked the passing of an era, and he is for-

ever enshrined in memory as the tussle-haired musician, wearing his trademark round glasses.

"All my students know the song 'Imagine,' but you know, this is now a song that plays in elevators and dentist parlors," Thompson said.

Last year, Ono organized an exhibition of her husband's New York years, and she continues to update his official website www.johnlennon.com.

Ono, now 77, lit up the "Imagine Peace Tower" in the Icelandic capital Reykjavik in October, before performing with her Ono Plastic Band and her son Sean Lennon at an evening concert.

The tower, a three-year-old art installation composed of a strong, vertical beam of light that can reach up to 13,100 feet (4,000 meters), is lit up every year and stays on until December 8.

More than 450,000 of the band's albums and over two million individual songs were sold in the first week their music appeared on Apple's iTunes last month.

And in June, Lennon's original handwritten lyrics for the hit Beatles song "A Day in the Life" was sold at a Sotheby's auction for 1.2 million dollars, almost twice the estimates.

Even Lennon's official Facebook page has over 1.2 million followers.

But for Beatles fans everywhere, Lennon's death also drew the curtain on one long-cherished desire.

"There is one other thing: his death put a final end to the hope of millions of fans to see the Beatles reunite," Thompson said.

European Tour award shared by McDowell and Kaymer



Kaymer

LONDON (AFP) - First-time major winners and Ryder Cup heroes Graeme McDowell and Martin Kaymer have been voted joint winners of the 2010 European Tour Golfer of the Year award.

It is the first time the prize has been shared in its 26-year history.

The Ulsterman and the German won their first major titles during 2010 - McDowell at the US Open, Kaymer at the US PGA - both won four times and both were members of the victorious Ryder Cup side.

The 25-year-old Kaymer took the "Race to Dubai" money list title with McDowell chasing him all the way to the final tournament.

The exploits of the award-

winning pair and the Ryder Cup victory capped off a sensational year for the European Tour with South African regular Louis Oosthuizen winning the British Open at St Andrews, Lee Westwood taking over from Tiger Woods as world number one and Ian Poulter and Francesco Molinari also winning World Golf Championship events.

McDowell, who on Sunday beat Tiger Woods in a play-off in America, commented: "I am truly humbled to accept this coveted award.

"It is the icing on the cake on what has been a very special year for myself, Martin and everyone involved in European golf.

"It is an honour to share this award with a player of Martin's calibre. He is one of the best players of our generation and I am sure will enjoy many more successes in the years to come.

"I achieved many of my dreams this season and feel fortunate to have enjoyed some very special moments. However, the highlight of the year for me was being a part of the winning European Ryder Cup team.

"There is nothing quite like the atmosphere of the Ryder Cup and the experience of playing for both your



McDowell

team-mates and the European fans under the most extreme pressure.

"I hope that I am lucky enough to play in many more successful teams in the future."

Kaymer said: "This has been a truly great year for me and winning this award is the perfect ending.

"It is recognition for my performances in 2010 and to be voted for by the golfing media, the people who watch and report on our sport throughout the year, makes me feel very proud.

"I am always trying to follow in Bernhard Langer's footsteps and to see that I have now won an award that he was the first to win back in 1985 is very satisfying indeed.

Ajax aiming for Europa League place

MILAN (AFP) - Ajax travel to the San Siro here to take on AC Milan today knowing that they must win to ensure they continue their European adventure this season.

Group G has already been decided in terms of who goes through to the Champions League knock-out rounds but there is still one thing to play for: the Europa League consolation.

Real Madrid have already won the group and Milan are guaranteed second place which means Ajax and Auxerre are battling for third spot and a continued run on the continent.

The Dutch side currently lead that race by a single point so they know they must

match the French team's result in Madrid to ensure they stay ahead.

And goalkeeper Martin Stekelenburg is determined his side will see that through.

"When you draw Real Madrid, Milan and Auxerre, you know it will be very difficult," he told the UEFA.com website.

"Of course you focus mostly on third place, for the Europa League, and you hope for what everybody thinks would be an upset.

"The second round of the Champions League won't be possible (now) but the Europa League is the highest thing we can achieve at the moment, so we'll go for that."

Under normal circum-

stances the idea of Ajax winning at Milan and Auxerre doing likewise in Madrid would be unthinkable.

But as both their opponents are likely to rest many first team stars, Stekelenburg admits both teams have to be aiming for the three points.

"I don't expect Auxerre to win in Madrid, but you never know, so actually we need to try to get a good result against Milan," he added.

The big goalkeeper believes that this season's Champions League campaign has been a good learning curve for the team.

"You know that the Champions League is the highest thing. The level is much higher than the Dutch league and mistakes will be punished immediately, so you have to be even more focused and try to give away even less.

However, if Auxerre better their result they are out as even if they lose and the French draw -- leaving both on four points -- their head-to-head record is level meaning Auxerre's better goal difference would come into effect.



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Pathan magic seals win for India



BANGALORE, India (AFP) - Yusuf Pathan hammered a career-best 123 not out off just 96 balls as India pulled off a thrilling five-wicket win in the fourth one-day international against New Zealand on Tuesday.

The all-rounder clubbed seven fours and seven sixes on the way to his maiden one-day century to help the hosts overhaul New Zealand's challenging 315-7 with seven balls to spare at the Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bangalore.

The victory put India on course for a series whitewash over the Black Caps who trail 4-0 with one game remaining to be played in Chennai on Friday.

Pathan clobbered the New Zealand attack with his aggressive innings, putting on 133 runs for the unfinished

sixth wicket with Saurabh Tiwary (37 not out) after India had been reduced to 188-5 in the 34th over.

Pathan also played a key role with the ball, grabbing three New Zealand wickets for 49 runs off nine overs.

James Franklin top-scored for the Kiwis with an unbeaten 98 off 69 balls including 12 fours and three sixes.

"I have always said Pathan can finish games on his own, and that's what he did today," Indian captain Gautam Gambhir said.

"I had never seen something like this before. But I knew till the time Pathan was there, we would win the game."

Paceman Andy McKay took two wickets in two balls to spoil a rollicking start by India that saw openers Gambhir (27) and Parthiv Patel put on 67 runs in less than 10 overs.

Gambhir, the leading run-getter in the series, cut McKay to point where Martin Guptill took a sharp catch and Virat Kohli was caught by Kyle Mills for a duck.

Patel, playing his first one-day international in six years, raced to his maiden one-day half-century off 50 balls but was dismissed three runs later by Nathan McCullum.

India looked in deep trouble after losing Yuvraj Singh for 20 runs but man of the match Pathan ensured another fine win for the hosts.

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Guerin retires



Pittsburgh penguins coach Dan Bylsma, right, presents Bill Guerin with a team jersey in a ceremony honoring him for retiring as a Pittsburgh Penguin before the start of the NHL hockey game against the New Jersey Devils. Forward Bill Guerin, unable to land a deal this season, officially retired from the National Hockey League after an 18-season career in which he scored 429 goals with eight teams.

Wade shines as Heat notch fifth straight win

MILWAUKEE (AFP) - Dwyane Wade scored 25 points and added a career-high 14 rebounds Monday as the star-studded Miami Heat notched their fifth straight NBA victory with an 88-78 triumph over Milwaukee.

Two-time NBA most valuable player LeBron James added 17 points and Chris Bosh had 16 points and 12 rebounds for the Heat, who used a 17-2 run in the first half to take charge and held on despite a late cold-spell in scoring.

Wade's three-point play gave Miami what appeared to be a comfortable cushion at 74-61 early in the fourth quarter.

But the Heat then missed four shots and turned the ball over four times in one 4 1/2-

minute stretch.

Chris Douglas-Roberts hit a three-pointer, Brandon Jennings delivered a free throw and Ersan Ilyasova made a jump shot to close the gap to 74-71.

Then the Heat's star trio of James, Wade and Bosh stepped up.

After a Miami timeout, James made a shot from 15 feet. After Jennings missed, Wade nailed a jump shot over Douglas-Roberts.

After James denied Corey Maggette's attempt at the rim, Bosh beat Aussie Andrew Bogut for a reverse layup to stretch the lead to 80-71.

Carlos Arroyo added 18 points for the Heat.

Jennings scored 13 points for Milwaukee, who got 13 points and 11 rebounds from Bogut.

Patriots rout Jets in record-setting victory

FOXBORO (AFP) - Tom Brady threw for four touchdowns and 326 yards on Monday, setting a record for consecutive home wins by a quarterback as he led New England to a 45-3 rout of the New York Jets.

Brady notched his league-record 26th straight regular-season home triumph.

He surpassed Brett Favre's record for consecutive home victories, but even more importantly lifted New England to a win over their nearest division rivals and at 10-2 to the best record in the American Football Conference.

The Patriots romped against a Jets team that had won eight straight road contests -- including five this season.

New York's highly touted defense, however, could produce no effective pass rush as Brady completed his second straight game with four scoring passes and no interceptions.

It was Brady's seventh straight game without an interception and he moved into 13th place all-time with 252 touchdown passes.

"That's what makes Tom the quarterback he is," coach Bill Belichick said of the three-time Super Bowl winner.

Former Jets running back Danny Woodhead also delivered an outstanding performance against his old team, turning one short pass into a 50-yard gain and picking up 35 yards on another.

Brady said the Patriots didn't get caught up in the hype surrounding the division match-up. But he admitted it was key to beat the Jets after New York beat New England at the Meadowlands in the second week of the season.

Broncos sack head coach McDaniels



Denver Broncos interim head coach Eric Studesville smiles during a news conference

DENVER (AFP) - The Denver Broncos sacked head coach Josh McDaniels on Monday, ending his stint at the helm after less than two years.

"Broncos owner Pat Bowlen has relieved Josh McDaniels of his head coaching duties," the Broncos said in a statement.

Running backs coach Eric Studesville will serve as interim coach for the last month of the season, the team said.

"My decision to relieve Josh McDaniels as head coach was not taken lightly," Bowlen said. "I will always

be appreciative of his passion, enthusiasm and hard work, and I thank him for his efforts."

Studesville and chief operating officer Joe Ellis were to hold a press conference on Tuesday.

After winning his first six games in his rookie coaching season in 2009, McDaniels, a disciple of New England coach Bill Belichick, lost 17 of his last 22 games with Denver.

In addition to Denver's disappointing results, McDaniels' tenure was marred by an embarrassing videotaping scandal as well as a series of poor personnel decisions.

McDaniels traded away Peyton Hillis, who has become a power running back in Cleveland. He was fined 50,000 dollars by the NFL for failing to report a subordinate who violated league rules by videotaping a San Francisco 49ers training in London in October.

The team was also rocked this year by linebacker D.J. Williams' drunken driving charge, which caused him to be stripped of his captaincy.

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No alcohol, kissing ban, says Club World Cup chief

ABU DHABI (AFP) - The organisers of the FIFA Club World Cup on Tuesday denied reports in the local media here that fans attending the event in Abu Dhabi would be banned from drinking alcohol and kissing in public.

According to a report in newspaper Emarat Al-Yom on Monday, foreign fans

were to be given leaflets urging them to respect local Muslim sensitivities.

"No, I've not heard anything on this subject," said Mohammed Khalfan Al-Rumaithi, president of the United Arab Emirates Football Association, at a press conference.

All forms of drugs are

banned in the UAE, but alcohol is widely available in bars and restaurants situated inside hotels.

Italy's Inter Milan and South Korea's Seongnam Ilhwa are among the clubs taking part in this year's tournament for the winners of the world's continental club championships.



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League to buy Hornets

NEW YORK (AFP) - NBA Commissioner David Stern said Monday the league will go ahead with its plan to purchase the New Orleans Hornets as a means of insuring the club's stability until it can be sold to a new owner.

The league will buy the club from majority owner George Shinn and minority owner Gary Chouest, after negotiations between the two for Chouest to buy Shinn's interest stalled.

"George Shinn has been an exceptional owner for New Orleans and Gary Chouest has been extraordinarily supportive as a minority owner," Stern said.

"However, in light of the

uncertain economic situation in New Orleans and Louisiana, Gary has decided not to move forward with the purchase of George's majority interest.

"In the absence of any viable purchaser seeking to own the Hornets in New Orleans, I recommended to the NBA Board of Governors that the best way to assure stability and the adequate funding of the franchise would be for the league to step in, and complete the transaction and assume control."

Stern did not say what the NBA is paying for the club but did say the franchise "has been valued in excess of 300 million dollars."



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